

BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 16, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF NEVADA)
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COUNTY OF EUREKA)

CALL TO ORDER

1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item. *Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, in the direction of the Chair. (For Possible Action)*
2. Pledge of allegiance.

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law on July 16, 2024. Present were Chairman Rich McKay, Vice Chair Marty Plaskett, Commissioner Mike Schoenwald, District Attorney Ted Beutel, and Deputy Clerk Recorder Katelyn Ziemann filled in for County Clerk Recorder Kathy Bowling. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. the interactive video conferencing system was connected between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve of the agenda, Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comment may be allowed on "Action" items, in addition to the two times specified on the agenda. (Discussion)*

Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, audience member Tracey Mellard out of concern for the citizens of Eureka explained that she is confused and disappointed in the department heads and elected officials. She said that certain things happening around the County are not the job description of the Board of County Commissioners and she hopes that going forward they handle situations properly. Tracey also referenced the agenda item about the Olcese contract and asked the Board to consider the Beowawe area. Tracey also referenced the dental contract with Gallagher Dental and asked the Board to consider putting a dentist in Crescent Valley. Tracey voiced concern over the ongoing Mormon cricket issue and how damaging they are to citizens who grow their own food. Chairman McKay called for public comment in Eureka, Eureka audience member Ashley Kemp went on the record as both a taxpayer and employee of Eureka County, she wanted it known that her opinions are her own and not a reflection of the office she works. Ashley asked the Board of Commissioners to consider demanding the immediate resignation of Sheriff Jesse Watts. She feels that the Sheriff has not upheld his oath to support, protect, and defend the United States and Nevada constitutions. She explained that a report, that was released to the County Commissioners on June 28, lays out multiple allegations and wrongdoing by the Sheriff in his official capacity. Eureka audience

member Shawn Brown came before the Board to ask Sheriff Jesse Watts to resign as Sheriff of Eureka County. He explained that he trusted the Sheriff as his daughter's employer to keep her safe while she fulfilled her dream to be in law enforcement. He explained that instead the Sheriff nosed his way into her personal life at work and tried controlling her. When that didn't work, he turned physically violent, loud and extremely inappropriate. He said the Sheriff has been invasive, unprofessional, and is unfit to be Sheriff. Eureka audience member Amy Jensen went on record to demand the resignation of Sheriff Jesse Watts due to his immoral and unethical conduct. She no longer believes him capable of performing his duties nor being for the people. Amy explained that a member of the public went to the District Attorney for help with an investigation, she explained that going to the Sheriff or one of the Sheriff's subordinates to investigate the Sheriff would not be an option nor appropriate thus explaining the reason for asking the District Attorney for help.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings. (Discussion)*

None considered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the April 16, 2024 and May 7, 2024 Commission meetings. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from April 16, 2024 and May 7, 2024. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY COMPTROLLER – Kim Todd, Comptroller

1. Payment of expenditures. *Notice: Expenditures received after action has been taken under this Comptroller section may be presented and acted upon throughout the day. (For Possible Action)*

The Board along with Comptroller Assistant, Betty Overson filling in for Comptroller, Kim Todd, reviewed expenditures.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve expenditures of \$1,414,328.97 with pass throughs of; Nevada Department Taxation Room tax \$646.68, Nevada State Controller School tax \$634.96, Nevada State Controller \$197,627.12, Nevada Division of Minerals \$4,610, and Washoe County Crime Lab \$99 for a total of Pass throughs for \$203,617.76. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Review Fund Balance Report. **(Discussion)**

The Board reviewed the current Fund Balance Report.

3. Discuss, approve or deny adopting the Resolution Setting Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, as certified by the Nevada Tax Commission on June 25, 2024. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve adopting the Resolution Setting Tax Rates for Fiscal

Year 2024-2025, as certified by the Nevada Tax Commission on June 25, 2024. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

Eureka, Nevada

July 16, 2023

**RESOLUTION
SETTING TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, the Eureka County Commissioners took action on April 16, 2024 and May 21, 2024, to set the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, for the tax districts under their legal jurisdiction, and by this resolution are affirming that action; and

WHEREAS, the ad valorem revenues are assessed by tax rates on real and personal property as certified by the Nevada State Tax Commission; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NRS 361.460, and following certification by the Nevada Tax Commission on June 25, 2024, tax rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, will be hereby levied as listed below:

	Taxing Unit Rate	Imposed Legislative Tax Rate	Combined General County Rates	Combined Special District	School	State	Total
Eureka County	1.0675	.0783		.0085	.7500	.1700	2.0743
Crescent Vly Town	.2153		1.0758	.0085	.7500	.1700	2.2196
Eureka Town	.2153		1.0758	.0085	.7500	.1700	2.2196
Diamond Valley Rodent District	.0400		1.0758	.0866	.7500	.1700	2.1224
Diamond Valley Weed District	.0781		1.0758	.0485	.7500	.1700	2.1224
Eureka County TV District	.0085		1.0758		.7500	.1700	2.0043

THEREFORE, IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that upon certification by the Nevada Tax Commission, the Board of County Commissioners of Eureka County, Nevada, does hereby certify the rates listed above for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

APPROVED this 16th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Rich McKay, Chairman
/s/ Martin Plaskett, Vice-Chair
/s/ Michael Schoenwald, Member

Attest: /s/ Kathy Bowling, Eureka County Clerk

4. Discuss, approve or deny budget transfers from the General Fund to the following funds: Regional Transportation Commission \$2,000,000, Eureka Town Water/Sewer Fund \$6,200,000 and Road Fund \$2,000,000. *Note: These budget transfers were approved in the final budget process. (For Possible Action)*

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve budget transfers from the General Fund to the

following funds: Regional Transportation Commission \$2,000,000, Eureka Town Water/Sewer Fund \$6,200,000 and Road Fund \$2,000,000. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

SENIOR CENTERS-Linda Gordon, Senior Center Program Director

1. Report on activities at the Eureka Senior Center and Fannie Komp Senior Center. (Discussion)

Senior Center Program Director, Linda Gordon reported that they served 586 meals at the Eureka Senior Center and 749 at the Fannie Komp Senior Center. They deposited \$1,951 for the month of June. She is hoping to hear back about her grant soon.

The meeting took a 5-minute recess.

Chairman McKay brought the meeting back to order at 10:13 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCES

Notice was given that a public hearing would be held on July 16, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (local time) in the Eureka Commission Chambers in the County Courthouse at 10 S. Main St. in Eureka, Nevada. The reason for said hearing is to invite public comments and act on three (3) proposed ordinances to amend the 2018 Eureka County Code by revision and modification to amend and update certain water system fees and charges. The proposed ordinances are as follows:

- *THE JUNE 2024 EUREKA TOWN WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, amending Title 12, Town of Eureka, Chapter 20, Eureka Town Water System; and*
- *THE JUNE 2024 CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, amending Title 13, Town of Crescent Valley, Chapter 30, Crescent Valley Town Water System; and*
- *THE JUNE 2024 DEVIL'S GATE GID WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, amending Title 14, Devil's Gate Water General Improvement District, Chapter 20, Water System Rates and Conditions.*

These ordinances were proposed by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners at the June 18, 2024, meeting and copies of the proposed ordinances are on file with the County Clerk for public examination.

1. Open public hearing and invite comments on proposed ordinances, described herein, to amend Eureka County Code. (Discussion)

Chairman McKay opened the public hearing at 10:13 a.m. Chairman McKay called for public comment, Crescent Valley Audience member Deborah Addenbrooke mentioned that she has an application in for a water connection and she is being told she will have to pay the new connection costs. She asked the Board how they can charge the new fee when nothing has been finalized yet. Jeb Rowley answered her question explaining that the application fee is only step 1 of the connection process, that once her application is in, the Board of County Commissioner then has to vote on allowing it or not, then she is charged the fee and the connection can be installed. Mike Mellard, member of the local fire department in Crescent Valley asked how these new rates would affect the fire department and fire suppression. Crescent Valley audience member Laura Shivers asked why this is being addressed now. Jeb Rowley answered this question by explaining that the rates have not been updated in 9 years, thus explaining why the rate increase seems so drastic. He said that the hopes going forward are to reevaluate the rates in a timeline that eases these costs on the public. Crescent Valley audience member Tracey Mellard showed concern on the

discouragement of growth these rates could have. Crescent Valley audience member, Dale Hopper commented concern on how the rates will affect senior citizens. Crescent Valley audience member Nona Kellerman mentioned that there used to be a discount program for senior citizens who are over the age of 62, she asked if there could be a program like that again. Jeb Rowley answered this question by stating that there still is the same program but there is no one actively using the program as of right now. Crescent Valley audience member Forrest Anderson questioned about unmetered accounts. Crescent Valley audience member Heidi Hopper suggested having a place on the connection application for indigent citizens.

Public hearing was closed at 11:02 a.m.

2. Close public hearing and consider adopting as presented, adopting further revisions or denying the proposed ordinances to amend the 2018 Eureka County Code. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve the new hookup fees, but making an effective date of November 1, 2024 and immediately approving the commercial non potable rate. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Discuss, approve or deny collective bargaining agreements between Eureka County and the Operator Engineers Local 3 Eureka County Sheriff Non-Sworn Employees, Sheriff Deputies and Sheriff Sergeant, Lieutenant and Communication Supervisor, beginning July 1, 2024, for two years. The tentative agreement between the parties was reached on July 9, 2024. *Kim Todd* **(For Possible Action)**

Phil Herring and Ralph Handel from Operator Engineers appeared before the Board to answer any questions about the bargaining agreements between Eureka County and the Operator Engineers Local 3 Eureka County Sheriff Non-Sworn Employees, Sheriff Deputies and Sheriff Sergeant, Lieutenant and Communication Supervisor. They explained that between Eureka County's legal team and Operator Engineers legal team they were able to put together a complete document with no mistakes, no corrections, unless the Board saw any that needed to be brought to attention.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve collective bargaining agreements between Eureka County and the Operator Engineers Local 3 Eureka County Sheriff Non-Sworn Employees, Sheriff Deputies and Sheriff Sergeant, Lieutenant and Communication Supervisor, beginning July 1, 2024, for two years. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss, approve or deny adopting the CVMSAC (Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee) revised resolution. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve and adopt the revised resolution for the CVMSAC (Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss letters of interest received to serve on the CVMSAC, (Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee) and appoint the advisory board members and alternates. **(For Possible Action)**

The Board only received 3 letters of interest to the CVMSAC (Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee). They will continue to accept letters of interest for the 2 alternates.

Chairman McKay motioned to approve of appointing Kimberly Sewell, Laura Shivers, and Nona Kellerman to serve on the CVMSAC (Crescent Valley Medical Services Advisory Committee). Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss, approve or deny ratifying the Indigent Defense Financial Status Report for the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2024, which was due to the Department of Indigent Defense Services by July 15, 2024. *Brandy Mahoney (For Possible Action)*

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve and ratify the Indigent Defense Financial Status Report for the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2024. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny making the following appointments to the Planning Commission per their recommendation: (a) appoint Roger Hubbard to the remainder of a four-year term through December 31, 2025, representing Commissioner District 1; and (b) appoint Hallee DeChambeau as an Alternate for the remainder of a four-year term through December 31, 2027, representing the County At Large. *Jeb Rowley (For Possible Action)*

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve appointing Roger Hubbard to the remainder of a four-year term through December 31, 2025, representing Commissioner District 1; appoint Hallee DeChambeau as an Alternate for the remainder of a four-year term through December 31, 2027, representing the County At Large. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

DAVE CLARK-

1. Discussion regarding a potential ordinance to address RV Trailer space proliferation within the Eureka town city limits. **(Discussion)**

Eureka citizen, Dave Clark came before the Board regarding the lack of ordinances/zoning for RV Trailer space within the Eureka town city limits. He commented that as a home owner and business owner it is disheartening to have a number of trailers be placed on a small lot directly next to your home. Not only is it an eyesore it also decreases the value of a person's property that they put time and money into making look nice. He mentioned that he understands the need for these RV Trailer spaces but he asks the Board to consider creating an ordinance to specify where these RV Trailer spaces can be put within the town.

The Board took a 5-minute recess.

Chairman McKay called the meeting back to order at 12:16 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS CONTINUED-

6. Review and discuss surplus property list (vehicles, equipment, etc.) prepared by Public Works and, pursuant to Eureka County Code, Title 3, Chapter 20, Section .130 "Disposal of surplus property," consider declaring all or some of the items to be surplus property and authorize the Public Works Director to move forward with disposal in accordance with one or more of the methods outlined in the Internal Control Policy (Title 3 of County Code). *Jeb Rowley (For Possible Action)*

Item was tabled.

7. Review and consider approving Addendum to modify and extend (from August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2026) the Contract for Services of Independent Contractor and Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Commercial and Residential Waste Collection between Eureka County and Olcese Waste Services. *Jeb Rowley (For Possible Action)*

Tillio Olcese came before the Board to help explain and answer any questions about the contract between Eureka County and Olcese.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve Addendum to modify and extend (from August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2026) the Contract for Services of Independent Contractor and Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Commercial and Residential Waste Collection between Eureka County and Olcese Waste Services. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION RATES

SERVICES	8/1/2019	8/1/2020	8/1/2021	8/1/2022	8/1/2023	8/1/2024	8/1/2025
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
1-96 Gallon Residential Cart	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$34.02	\$35.04
1-96 Gallon Commercial Cart	\$19.00	\$23.00	\$27.00	\$31.00	\$35.00	\$37.11	\$38.22
Additional Cart Same Stop	\$11.00	\$15.25	\$19.50	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$29.90	\$30.80
2 Yard Rear-Load Container	\$109.00	\$139.00	\$169.00	\$199.00	\$229.00	\$100.06	\$103.06
3 Yard Rear-Load Container	\$163.00	\$208.00	\$253.00	\$298.00	\$343.00	\$150.06	\$154.56
ADDITIONAL FEES							
Additional Bag Fee	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.60	\$3.70
Bulky Item Fee	\$8.00	\$8.50	\$9.00	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$10.00	\$11.00
Activation Fee	\$20.00	\$20.50	\$21.00	\$21.50	\$21.50	\$22.25	\$23.25
Reactivation Fee Per Event	\$25.00	\$25.50	\$26.00	\$26.50	\$26.50	\$27.30	\$28.25
Cart Delivery Fee	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.75	\$13.25
Container Delivery Fee	\$21.00	\$21.50	\$22.00	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$23.25	\$24.00
Return Pickup/Cart Not at Curb (Scheduled pickup days only)	Contractor not responsible for damage to driveway, asphalt, etc.					\$94.25	\$94.25
Credit Card Fee	Customer is responsible for credit card fees					Up to 3.5%	Up to 3.5%
CREDITS							
Eureka County Monthly Agreement Subsidy	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ADDITIONAL SERVICE LIMITS							
Bulky Item Pickup	Bulky item pickup: 1 item per week (weight limit 30 lbs.)						
Extra Bag Pickup	Extra bag weight limit: 30 lbs.						
Cart Replacement	\$93.00	\$95.00	\$98.00	\$100.00	\$102.00	\$124.00	\$127.72
ROLL-OFF RATES							
20 Yard Bin (5 Tons)						\$929.00	\$929.00
30 Yard Bin (7 Tons)						\$1,089.00	\$1,089.00
Delivery of Bin						\$89.00	\$89.00

8. Discuss and consider response to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) proposed changes to its Fire Brigade Standard (29 CFR 1910.156) and authorize the Chairman to sign the response letter outside of the meeting, if needed, to order to submit by July 22nd, the extended comment deadline. *Jeb Rowley* **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve response to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) proposed changes to its Fire Brigade Standard (29 CFR 1910.156) and allow Chairman McKay to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

GALLAGHER DENTAL CARE - Morris S. Gallagher, DDS

1. Discussion with Dr. Gallagher regarding dental services at the Eureka Medical Clinic. **(Discussion)**

Dr. Morris Gallagher of Elko, Nevada and Eureka resident and dental hygienist Veronica Tognoni came before the Board to discuss the possibility of adding dental services to the Eureka Medical Clinic. Dr. Gallagher suggested some different programs that are government funded and state funded for rural areas. He even suggested an incentive type of contract that could possibly help draw newer/younger dentists to the job by helping to payoff student loans. There was an assessment done that showed most of the equipment being 30, 40 years old, so money would need to be put towards getting it up to code and running again.

IT-Misty Rowley, IT Director

1. Discuss, approve or deny the endpoint protection limited warranty agreement, which will cover up to \$1 million in breach response expenses in the event of a security incident within the protected environment, at no additional cost to the County for a one-year period and authorize the IT Director to sign the document outside of the meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

Jessica Santoyo filled in for IT Director, Misty Rowley to explain that the Endpoint Protection Limited Warranty Agreement is a free limited warranty that comes with the subscription that Eureka already has licenses with.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve an Endpoint Protection Limited Warranty Agreement and allow IT Director, Misty Rowley to sign outside of the meeting. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER-Pernecia Johnson, Treasurer

1. Review Treasurer's Report for May 2024. **(Discussion)**

The Board along with Treasurer, Pernecia Johnson reviewed the May 2024 Treasurers Report.

2. Discuss, approve or deny the purchase of a Xerox model C8135 copier utilizing funds budgeted in capital outlay account number 010-002-55010-000 in the amount of \$5,198.00. **(For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve of the purchase of a Xerox model C8135 copier utilizing funds budgeted in capital outlay account number 010-002-55010-000 in the amount of \$5,198.00. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

1. Discuss, approve or deny directing the County Treasurer to forgive tax bills for Nevada Barth Saga Exploration, APN: 410-001-08, in the amount of \$501.59 for tax year 2023-2024 and the amount of \$446.71 for tax year 2022-2023, as the property is no longer in operation and has been abandoned per the County Assessor and the Department of Taxation. **(For Possible Action)**

Assistant Assessor, Matthew Grimm in place of Assessor, Michael Mears and Treasurer, Pernecia Johnson came before the Board to explain the tax bill forgiveness for Nevada Barth Saga Exploration in the amount of \$501.59 for tax year 2023-2024 and the amount of \$446.71 for tax year 2022-2023. They believe Nevada Barth Saga to be out of business so trying to go after the tax amounts would cost the County even more money. The parcel, APN: 410-001-08, is deactivated and no longer a taxable parcel.

Commissioner Schoenwald motioned to approve directing the County Treasurer to forgive tax bills for Nevada Barth Saga Exploration, APN: 410-001-08, in the amount of \$501.59 for tax year 2023-2024 and the amount of \$446.71 for tax year 2022-2023. Commissioner Plaskett seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF-Tyler Thomas, Undersheriff

1. Discuss, approve or deny proclaiming August 6, 2024, as National Night Out, an event to bring law enforcement and the community together. **(For Possible Action)**

Deputy Allison Flannigan came before the Board to represent the Sheriff's office and explain that the National Night Out is their yearly event, they hold in both Crescent Valley and Eureka to celebrate police and community partnerships.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve proclaiming August 6, 2024, as National Night Out. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) sponsors a national community-building campaign on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 entitled "National Night Out"; and
WHEREAS, the National Night Out campaign provides an opportunity for neighbors in Eureka County to join over 38 million neighbors across 18 thousand communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide; and
WHEREAS, National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work; and
WHEREAS, neighbors in Eureka County assist the local law enforcement agency through joint community-building efforts and support National Night Out 2024; and
WHEREAS, it is essential that all neighbors of Eureka County come together with police and work together to build a safer, more caring community; and
NOW, THEREFORE WE, do hereby call upon all neighbors of Eureka County to join the Eureka County Sheriff's Office and National Association of Town Watch in support of National Night Out in Eureka on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, and Crescent Valley Wednesday, August 7, 2024.
FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT WE, BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 6, 2024, as "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" in Eureka and Wednesday, August 7, 2024, as "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" in Crescent Valley.

Board of Eureka County Commissioners
County of Eureka, State of Nevada
/s/ Rich McKay, Chairman
/s/ Marty Plaskett, Vice Chair
/s/ Mike Schoenwald, Member

ATTEST: /s/ Katelyn Ziemann, Deputy Clerk Recorder

2. Discuss, approve or deny a one-time credit limit increase in the amount of \$3,000.00 each (\$3,500.00 each total) on the County credit cards issued to Deputies Allison Flanagan and Brian Shoaf, to cover costs to attend NV POST First Line Supervisor class in Reno, NV. *NOTE: This is a 2-week course, and the cost of the training is free. (For Possible Action)*

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve a one-time credit limit increase in the amount of \$3,000.00 each (\$3,500.00 each total) on the County credit cards issued to Deputies Allison Flanagan and Brian Shoaf, to cover costs to attend NV POST First Line Supervisor class in Reno, NV. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

AMBULANCE & EMS- Kenny Sanders, EMS Director

1. Report on ambulance and emergency services. **(Discussion)**

EMS Director, Kenny Sanders reported that for the month of June they had 39 calls for service; 18 of those calls were from Eureka, 21 from Crescent Valley. 3 transports to Battle Mountain, 3 to Elko, 6 transfers to Reach Air, and 3 transfers to MedEx. They will be holding CPR classes for the schools including all the bus drivers in the coming weeks. He reported that the ambulance located in Carlin, that the Board donated money to, has been ordered and they are looking at a tentative timeline of February to have it in service.

2. Review quarterly report on mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts. **(For Possible Action)**

EMS Director, Kenny Sanders reported they had a total of 88 calls for the second quarter; 42 of those calls were from Eureka and 56 from Crescent Valley. They had a total of 7 transports to Battle Mountain, 11 to Elko, 2 to Ely, 13 transfers to Reach Air and 7 transfers to MedEx. They had a total of \$1,970 for mandatory write offs; \$0 from April, \$1,970 from May and \$0 from June.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve mandatory ambulance bill write-offs for Medicaid and Medicare accounts for a total of \$1,970. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY FACILITIES- Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

1. Report on activities and projects at County managed facilities. **(Discussion)**

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported that the Eureka Opera House had 277 people attend events including the Missoula Children's theater. The Museum had 137 visitors, the museum also coordinated a bus of 40 people from Kansas to come and tour some of the historic buildings in town. The swimming pool saw 241 swimmers, 47 children under the age of 5, 25 youth, and 24 senior citizens attended the Sumpound Program. The landfill had 500 solid waste customers

delivering 473 cubic yards of solid waste, 324 deliveries of construction material for a total of 3,374 yards down. There was a small fire late one Thursday night in the green pit (yard trimmings), the fire department reported and got the fire out. The buildings and grounds crew are starting to prep for the fair and the VFW softball tournament.

PUBLIC WORKS – Jeb Rowley, Public Works Director

1. Report on Public Works projects and activities. (Discussion)

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley reported that the rotary utility project has tied the last water main in and they are prepping for the storm drain work. The grading and concrete crews will come in at the beginning of August. The County has had several small single tree fires. They are pushing the auction out to September 7, so he will have more details on the auction at the next board meeting.

2. Discuss, approve or deny authorizing Public Works to advertise a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for the Eureka County Municipal Water Well #2 Rehab project with an estimated budget of \$700,000.00. Responses to the RFQ will be opened in the Public Works office at 1:00 p.m. on August 5, 2024, and a recommendation of award will be presented for Board action on August 6, 2024. (For Possible Action)

Public Works Director, Jeb Rowley explained that Eureka County Municipal Water Well #2 is one of the main water sources for the town. The last time the well was rehabbed was in 2018. Commissioner Plaskett asked the question at what point do we rehab versus a new well, he suggested getting Jake Tibbitts involved. Jeb explained he has a couple meetings lined up to discuss the Water Well rehab project, so he should know more soon.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve authorizing Public Works to advertise a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for the Eureka County Municipal Water Well #2 Rehab project with an estimated budget of \$700,000.00. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

NATURAL RESOURCES – Hallee Dechambeau, Department Assistant

1. Discuss and consider providing comment to upcoming BLM geothermal lease sale Environmental Assessments (EA) for both Battle Mountain and Elko BLM districts. (For Possible Action)

Hallee Dechambeau appeared before the Board in place of Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, she explained that the letter is asking the BLM geothermal lease sale Environmental Assessments to coordinate with Eureka and our weed district on management plans, treatment, spray and livestock grazing. The letter asks them to include maps of range improvements and stop water, the impact that dust, noise and traffic would have on wildlife.

Commissioner Plaskett motioned to approve allowing Jake Tibbitts to provide comments to the upcoming BLM geothermal lease sale Environmental Assessments (EA) for both Battle Mountain and Elko BLM districts. Chairman McKay seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

2. Discuss and consider submitting recommendations to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources under their Solicitation of Recommendations for consideration at the Committee's work session in August. (For Possible Action)

Recommended comments on the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources are to maintain a seat at the table and asking to continue to be involved and updated.

Commissioner Plaskett motion to approve submitting recommendations to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources under their Solicitation of Recommendations for consideration at the Committee's work session in August. Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Review correspondence. (Discussion)

Deputy Clerk Recorder, Katelyn Ziemann reviewed the correspondence, NRAC Agenda- meeting was held July 10th, ECHS Scholarship Thank you letter, CVTAB Agenda- meeting for July 17, 2024 @5 p.m. Letter from patient Salvador Gonzalez, 2 emails from Nevada Water Resources, Mormon cricket survey sites and treatment maps, Fallon Range Training Complex meeting Save the Date-Intergovernmental Executive Committee, NDEP Notification of New Case Officer @ Hunt and Sons Facility, Several North Creek Fire update email from Chris Hanefield, review of proposal for Samantha Solar Project Announcement, final EIS Bald Mountain Mine- Juniper project.

2. Commissioner reports on **pertinent correspondence or other matters. (Discussion)**

Chairman McKay welcomed new Commissioner, Mike Schoenwald to the Eureka County Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public comment and discussion. *Notice: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Public comment may be allowed on "Action" items, in addition to the two times specified on the agenda.* (Discussion)

Chairman McKay called for public comment in Crescent Valley, hearing none he called in Eureka. UNR coordinator for Eureka and White Pine County, Jessica Hendrickson introduced herself and mentioned that she will be in Eureka twice a week. She will have her office hours posted and phone number at her Eureka office.

2. Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. *Notice: The public is welcome to request agenda items for future meetings during the Public Comment period or may consult with one or more of the Board of Commissioners to request agenda items for future meetings.* (Discussion)

None considered at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

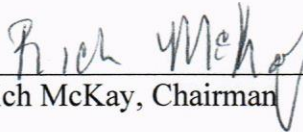
1. Adjournment of meeting.

Chairman McKay motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Schoenwald seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Katelyn Ziemann, Deputy Clerk Recorder.

Approved by the Board this 20th day of August, 2024.



Rich McKay, Chairman

Attest: 
Katherine J. Bowling County Clerk Recorder